levied according to rules on the actual number of cattle grazed.

SUBJECT No. 138.

Feeding charges in forest cattle-pounds.

Messrs. A. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Taluk and Lakshminarasimhachar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rate of feeding charges in forest cattle-pounds is double that in village pounds. It may be reduced to the rate prevailing in the latter.

Cattle are grazed in the forests and the pound-keeper has not therefore to incur any special expenditure for feeding them as in the case of cattle in village cattle-pounds.

Reply of Government.—The rates were reduced only in 1901. The custody of cattle in forest cattle-pounds is difficult as, if the cattle are taken to graze outside, they generally run back to their villages. The wages of watchers being high, it is not possible to reduce the rates further.

SUBJECT No. 139.

Throwing open Amrut Mahal kavals for cultivation and grazing.

1. Mr. Venkoba Rao, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.
2. Mr. B. Sitaramaiya, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Raiyats experience much hardship for want of lands for cultivation and for grazing their cattle. Amrut Mahal kavals may therefore be given out for cultivation and certain portions of such kavals may be given out to the raiyats without sale by auction. An upset price of Rs. 25 per acre may be levied and the portions so thrown open may be notified in the Gazette. Such a measure will greatly benefit the poor raiyats.

(2) Amrut Mahal kavals may be thrown open free for the grazing of cattle.

Reply of Government.—(1) Lands which can be made available will be granted for cultivation.

(2) The servegars have certain immemorial privileges regarding the grass which remains after the cattle move on from a kaval. Where the grazing can be auctioned without prejudice to such privileges it is always done.

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SUBJECT No. 140.

Famine allowances.

Messrs. Rama Rao, Malur Taluk, Subba Sastri, Chikballapur Taluk, Yagaiyana Subba Rao, Sagar Taluk, and Amble Anniah Pandit, Yedatore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the prices of food grains are now very high, a famine allowance may be paid to low paid officials in addition to their pay.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 141.

Commission for exchange of currency notes.

Messrs. T. Venkatappa, Shimoga Taluk; K. Shankarnarayan Rao, Nagar Sabha; Subbrayabhatta and Seshappa, Tirthahalli Taluk; and Subba Chetty, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A commission is charged at 4 annas per Rs. 100 when currency notes are presented in the district and taluk treasuries in the Shimoga and Hassan Districts for being cashed. This practice encourages private money dealers to charge a heavy commission for cashing notes and is against the declaration contained on the face of the notes and makes the public suspicious regarding their intrinsic value. It retards the free circulation of the notes and may therefore be abolished.